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Auditors' Report

—UPON THE—

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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF LISBON,

—FOR THE—

Year ending, March 1st, 1877.

LISBON, N. H.:
“GLOBE” PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1877.

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AUDITORS' REPORT, MARCH 1st, 1877.

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY :

State Tax,	\$1,616	00
County tax,	1,530	30
School tax,	2,000	00
Town tax,	5,534	92
School-house tax, Dist. No. 1,	585	91
" 2,	45	25
Precinct tax,	250	00
Dog tax,	116	00
Non-resident highway tax,	81	23
		\$11,761
		61
County of Grafton,	697	66
Collector for 1870-'71-'72,	721	24
Collector for 1875,	2,287	75
Treasurer for 1875,	995	37
Rail Road tax,	112	61
Savings Bank tax,	224	90
Literary fund,	206	55
Sale of Liquors and Barrels,	760	70
Collector for 1870-'71-'72, error last year,	141	73
Interest on tax bills of 1870-'71-'72,	12	17
" 1875,	69	90
" 1876,	25	24
Wm. H. Cummings on acct. Wm. Bar- rett,	18	45
H. D. Bishop, lease money,	90	00
Obed B. Quimby, "	9	00
Arba S. Clough's est., "	15	00
Hazen P. Carleton, note and interest,	19	80
Leonard Smith, "	166	27
O. B. Quimby,	10	33
A. M. Poor,	25	12
Willis P Bronson,	40	48
B. F. Elliott,	115	38
Wendall Presby,	30	56
Jona Dow,	90	78
C. C. Sanborn,	10	15

David Jesseman, on note,	42 00
Elkanah Hildreth, "	125 00
A. W. Moore, "	22 34
Geo. R. Harris, "	25 00
Parker & Young for potatoes,	42 00
H. H. Noyes, due last year,	5 40
Sundry accounts, "	9 35
James H. Young, "	31 61
A. W. Moore, "	10 50
James Knight, for corn,	7 63
Rent of the Western Town Hall,	24 50
Interest on Town of Jay Bond,	60 00
Ira O. Knapp, on note	48 23
Due School District, No. 11,	59 91
" No. 12,	124 56
Town Bond and int. unpaid last year,	106 00
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	\$7,641 17

PAYMENTS AND EXPENDITURES :

State tax,	1,616 00
County tax,	1,530 30
School tax,	2,400 00
Precinct tax,	250 00
School-house tax, Dist. No. 1,	585 91
" 2,	47 25
	—
	\$6,429 76

ON DEBTS :

Town bond and interest, due last year,	106 00
Town of Littleton school money of 1874,	3 72
	—
	\$109 72

TOWN PAUPERS :

Mrs. Westley Northey,	133 24
Lizzie Kay,	6 87
Rollins Lovejoy,	46 24
	—
	\$186 35

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Phebe Clough,	104 00
Sarah H. Brooks,	27 25
Thomas Drohan,	111 02
Martha Place,	77 65
Mrs. Donovan,	75 69
Hiram Bowen,	71 34
Anson Bowles,	69 01
Wm. Wright,	81 41
Eben Streeter,	52 00
Chase and Mullen Children,	43 32
Walter Barrett,	37 79
James H. Wright,	28 97
Benj. Judd, Jr.,	22 24
Myron B. Eastman,	23 25
C. W. Emery,	16 90
Edwin Marden,	14 64
Mrs. A. M. Kay,	9 00
Jehial Judd,	7 53
Oris Bowles,	3 63
John Messer,	3 00
Geo W. Jackman, fare to coun-	
ty farm.,	1 00
S. C. Cram, "	70
Elisha Andrus, "	70
Acenith Clough,	3 00
Transient,	24 00
	—
	\$909 04

Paupers to be paid by other towns:
 Jacob Bishop, by Franconia, 6.89

ROADS AND BRIDGES :

Salmon Hole Brook Road,	123 50
Titus road, land damage,	60 00
Larkin Clough, new road,	49 50
Northey road,	49 33
Walker Hill road,	49 28
Salmon Hole Bridge,	113 88
Village Bridge,	98 19

Highway District, No. 1,		4 50
" 2,		15 00
" 4,		7 68
" 7,		5 43
" 13,		4 00
" 19,		19 75
" 20,		32 58
" 21,		14 80
" 30, land damage,	28 00	
Ash Hill, land damage, &c.,		5 00
Sundry Roads and Bridges,		92 92
		—
		\$773 34

MISCELLANEOUS :

Mathias Powers, sheep damage,	3 60	
Cyreno Clark, "	11 54	
John T. Aldrich, "	2 27	
Geo. Bertrand, "	5 77	
Louisa Bowles, "	2 85	
David Smith, "	4 78	
Carter Jackman, "	3 42	
Thomas F. Fox, "	14 42	
S. A. Beane, "	33 47	
Warren Bowles, 2d, "	16 15	
Moses Emery, "	17 88	
H. E. Parker, printing,	76 15	116 16
A. P. Carpenter, attorney fees, 1872 to 1876,	100 00	
E. D. Rand, attorney fees for 1874,	13 84	
John Farr, " "	6 00	
On account of Small Pox,	59 22	
J. G. F. Elliott, damage and costs, '74,	73 19	
Insurance on Western Town Hall, to Oct. 6, 1877,	31 75	
Insurance on Western Town Hall, from Dec. 31, 1773, to Mar. 1, '74,	3 34	
Insurance on Eastern Town Hall,	10 00	
Rent of Lobby one year,	12 00	
Blank books for Selectmen,	17 55	
Wm. W. Weare, damage in 1874,	10 00	
Joel Streeter, " 1875,	25 00	

Hosea Howland, damage,	5 50
Moses N. Howland, damage,	12 60
Chester Eastman, damage,	27 50
Incidental damages,	7 00
Lighting Village Bridge,	21 00
Western Town Hall, painting, &c.,	101 05
W. B. Hurd, services of horse,	8 00
Wood for Selectmen's office,	5 00
Geo. Morrison, costs I. G. Corey ease,	3 00
Salmon Hole Cemetery,	4 00
W. H. Cummings, watering trough, 2 yrs	6 00
D. E. Corey,	" 3 00
Jason Comey,	" 3 00
S. A. Beane,	" 3 00
D. & L. F. Ash,	" 3 00
Levi Quimby,	" 3 00
Hiram Noyes,	" 3 00
Isaac Hall,	" 3 00
M. C. Spooner,	" 3 00
L. & J. Bowles,	" 3 00
Nathan Streeter,	" 3 00
R. E. Palmer,	" 3 00
W. H. Cummings, from town farm.	75,16 93
Interest on Town bonds,	1,694 70
Liquors, freight and agent,	572 75
Abatement on tax bills, 1870-1 & 2,	78 25
" 1875,	66 06
" 1876,	67 94
Abatement of non-resident highway tax worked,	37 83
Collector for 1875 to assume tax bill,	10 00
Due on tax bills 1870-1 & 2,	531 84
Due on tax bills 1876,	1,924 69
Selectmen's expenses,	44 74
Incidental expenses,	25 23
C. H. Boynton, returning births and deaths,	7 00
O. H. Boynton,	" 1 25
	— \$5,751 26

INVESTMENTS :

Moses H. Noyes and wife, for note	100 00
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Town of Jay, for bond	1,000 00
Jas, & Dennis Nihon, for note,	100 00
John & Caleb Huntoon, for note,	277 67
Ira O. Knapp, for 4 notes,	951 40
Geo. Bertrand and wife, for note,	607 50
S. H. Sherman and Hiram Aldrich, for note,	968 00
	— \$4,004 57

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS :

W. K. Parker, Selectman, 1875,	8 00
H. B. Savage, first Selectman,	169 00
A. J. Batchelder, second Selectman,	74 00
J. E. Richardson, third Selectman,	54 00
F. H. Richardson, Town Clerk and books,	71 84
W. H. Cummings, Town Treasurer,	25 00
H. C. Simonds, Health officer,	10 25
Joseph Parker, "	7 25
C. H. Boynton, "	5 00
J. P. Webster & H. Kellam, Col. '75,	105 00
Chas. Moffett, " "	80 00
H. P. Copp, Supt. School Com.	60 00
Committee for investigating town officers,	14 00
Auditors,	14 00
In the hands of the Treasurer for '76,	418 65
	— \$1,115 99
	— \$19,402 78

LIQUOR AGENCY, 1876.

Dr.	Liquor on hand Feb. 26 '76,	214 07
	" Purchased and fgt.,	468 51
	Agents salary and postage,	104 24
		— \$786 82
Cr.	Liquor and barrels sold,	760 70
	Liquors on hand Feb. 27, 1877	95 43
	3 barrels, \$6 00; and 3 kegs,	
	\$3 00, on hand,	9 00
		— \$865 13
	Profits to the Town,	\$78 31

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN MARCH 1st., 1877 :

Eben Richardson, note and interest,	482	85
Sarah A. Brown,	133	44
Charles Rowell,	151	25
Hattie Rowell,	252	70
Jerome Burt,	150	06
Due School Dist No. 11,	59	91
" 12,	124	56
Town Bonds outstanding,	26,900	00
		\$28,254 77

AVAILABLE RESOURCES :

Sanford Dailey, note and interest,	33	51
Geo. R. Harris,	621	17
Saml. A. Beane,	64	52
Lucius Cole,	53	22
David Jesseman,	35	25
S. C. Jackman,	25	00
A. W. Moore,	34	03
B. H. Dexter,	13	57
Romanzo Aldrich,	37	15
Samuel Streeter,	13	81
Elkanah Hildreth,	6	60
Harvey C. Palmer,	39	33
Hiram Aldrich,	70	94
Peter Aldrich,	33	70
Geo. A. Elliott, 4	1,387	60
Erastus Kay,	33	70
Moses H. Noyes and wife.	105	75
Moses Howard, claim,	25	00
Ira B. Gould, claim and interest,	50	16
Lucius Cole	1	20
Liquors and barrels on hand,	104	43
County of Grafton,	731	89
Jas. and Dennis Nihan, note and int.,	105	50
John and Caleb Huntoon,	296	40
Ira O. Cnapp, 4	917	60
Geo. F. Bertrand and wife	616	60

S. H. Sherman and Hiram Aldrich,	
note and interest,	978 00
Town of Jay, bond,	1,010 00
D. S. Richardson, lease money,	12 00
E. & E. D. Chase, "	10 06
Due on tax bills of 1870-1-2,	531 84
" 1876,	1,924 69
Bedding not sold,	17 50
In hands of Treasurer for 1876,	418 65
	\$10,359 71

UNAVAILABLE RESOURCES :

Town Halls and furniture,	2,300 00
52 volumes N. H. Reports,	104 00
Iron Safe,	50 00
Hearse,	550 00
Road Machine,	115 00
Two Bridge Lanterns,	9 00
U. S. Government Bounties,	3,102 50
	\$6,230 50

RECAPITULATION :

Gross amount of indebtedness,	28,254 77
Less available resources,	10,359 71
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Balance, March 1, 1877,	\$17,895 06
Decrease of debt since March 1, 1876,	\$2,009 39

J. R. YOUNG,
 S. P. SIMONDS, } Auditors.
 H. C. SYMONDS,

H. B. SAVAGE FIRST SELECTMAN, AND OVERSEER OF THE POOR:

1876.

March	18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day returning check-list,	1 00
"	25,	$6\frac{1}{2}$ days proving County paupers, under new law,	13 00
"	27,	1 day making County pauper account,	2 00
"	29,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days to Haverhill to settle same,	3 00
"	30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on pauper case,	1 00
"	31,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing new Collector for 1875,	1 00
Apr.	1,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day settling with Mr. Kellum, Col'r,	1 00
"	8,	$6\frac{1}{2}$ days taking inventory,	13 00
"	15,	5 days making taxes,	10 00
"	22,	6 days "	12 00
"	24,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day to No. Lisbon, pauper case,	1 00
"	28,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days copying and making app'ts,	3 00
May	2,	2 days making School House and Precinct taxes,	4 00
"	3,	1 day on Collector's warrant,	2 00
"	5,	2 days returning inventory to Sec. State,	4 00
"	6,	1 day settling with Jas. Elliott and Com'r,	2 00
"	9,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on pauper case,	1 00
"	10,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on S. H. Brook road,	1 00
"	12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road notices,	1 00
"	13,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road hearing, in village,	1 00
"	20,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day laying out road "	1 00
"	25,	copying inventory,	8 00
"	31,	1 day on roads,	2 00
June	3,	1 "	2 00
"	10,	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 00
"	17,	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 00
July	8,	2 days dividing school money,	4 00
Aug.	8,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days on Titus road,	3 00
Sept.	2,	1 day on road notices, &c.,	2 00
"	18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
"	26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Village Bridge,	1 00
"	30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Titus road,	1 00
Oct.	2,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Ash Hill road,	1 00
"	7,	1 day laying out Titus road, &c.,	2 00

Oct.	9, $\frac{1}{2}$ day making papers,	1 00
"	18, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town matters,	1 00
"	21, 2 days calling town meeting,	4 00
"	25, 1 day with Committee,	2 00
"	28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day to see Mrs. Northey,	1 00
Nov.	2, 1 day to County Farm with Mrs. Northey,	2 00
"	6, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days correcting checklist,	3 00
"	11, 1 day returning checklist, and laying out Clough road,	2 00
"	17, 1 day on pauper case,	2 00
"	20, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on Salmon Hole Bridge,	1 00
"	21, $\frac{1}{2}$ day running town line,	1 00
"	23, 1 day on Moses Noyes case,	2 00
"	24, $\frac{1}{2}$ day laying out M. J. Northey road,	1 00
"	27, $\frac{1}{2}$ day settling, &c.,	1 00
"	29, $\frac{1}{2}$ day letting job at S. H. bridge,	1 00
Dec.	1, 1 day making papers,	2 00
"	12, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at S. H. bridge,	1 00
"	14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing Police,	1 00
"	16, 1 day accepting Job, and Juror Box,	2 00
"	21, 2 days about Drohan,	4 00
1877.		
Jan.	1, $\frac{1}{2}$ day about Drogan.	1 00
"	8, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on pauper case,	1 00
"	19, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on Joseph Cole matter,	1 00
Feb.	5, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on Mrs. Brooks affidavit &c.,	1 00
"	9, 2 days with Committee, &c.,	4 00
"	12, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on C. W. Emery matter,	1 00
"	17, $\frac{1}{2}$ making papers,	1 00
"	24, 4 days settling and calling town meeting,	8 00
"	27, 1 day with Liquor agent and collector,	2 00
March	1, 2 days with Auditors,	4 —
"	12, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days correcting check-list,	3 —
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		\$169 00

A. J. BATCHELDER, SECOND SELECTMAN:

1876.

March 18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day returning checkiist,	1 00
April 8,	6 days taking invoice,	12 00
" 24,	10 days making taxes,	20 00
" 25,	1 day on school-house tax	2 00
May 2,	2 days on school-house and precinct taxes,	4 00
" 4,	1 day appointing collector &c ,	2 00
" 10,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day delitering surveyor's books,	1 00
" 31,	1 day on Moses Northey's road,	2 00
June 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Salmon Hole brook road,	1 00
Aug. 8,	1 day on Jason Titus' road,	2 00
Sept. 20,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road near Franconia,	1 00
" 30,	1 day on road,	2 00
Oct. 7,	1 day laying out Titus' road,	2 00
" 21,	2 days on check-list and warrant,	4 00
Nov. 4,	1 day regula,ing check-list,	2 00
" 11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Clough road,	1 00
" 6,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on check-list,	1 00
" 24,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Northey road,	1 00
" 29,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day to let job on bridge,	1 00
Dec. 16,	1 day to accept job on bridge at village,	2 00
1877.		
Jan. 12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day looking out and breaking road,	1 00
Feb. 24,	3 days Settling with town and making warrants,	6 00
March 12,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days on checklist,	3 00
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		\$74 00

JAS. E. RICHARDSON, THIRD SELECTMAN:

1876.

March 18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day returning check-list,	1 00
April 1,	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ days taking invoice,	17 00
" 11,	1 day on town business,	2 00
" 12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
May 13,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road at village,	1 00
" 20,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road,	1 00
" 30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day to see Mrs. Northey,	1 00

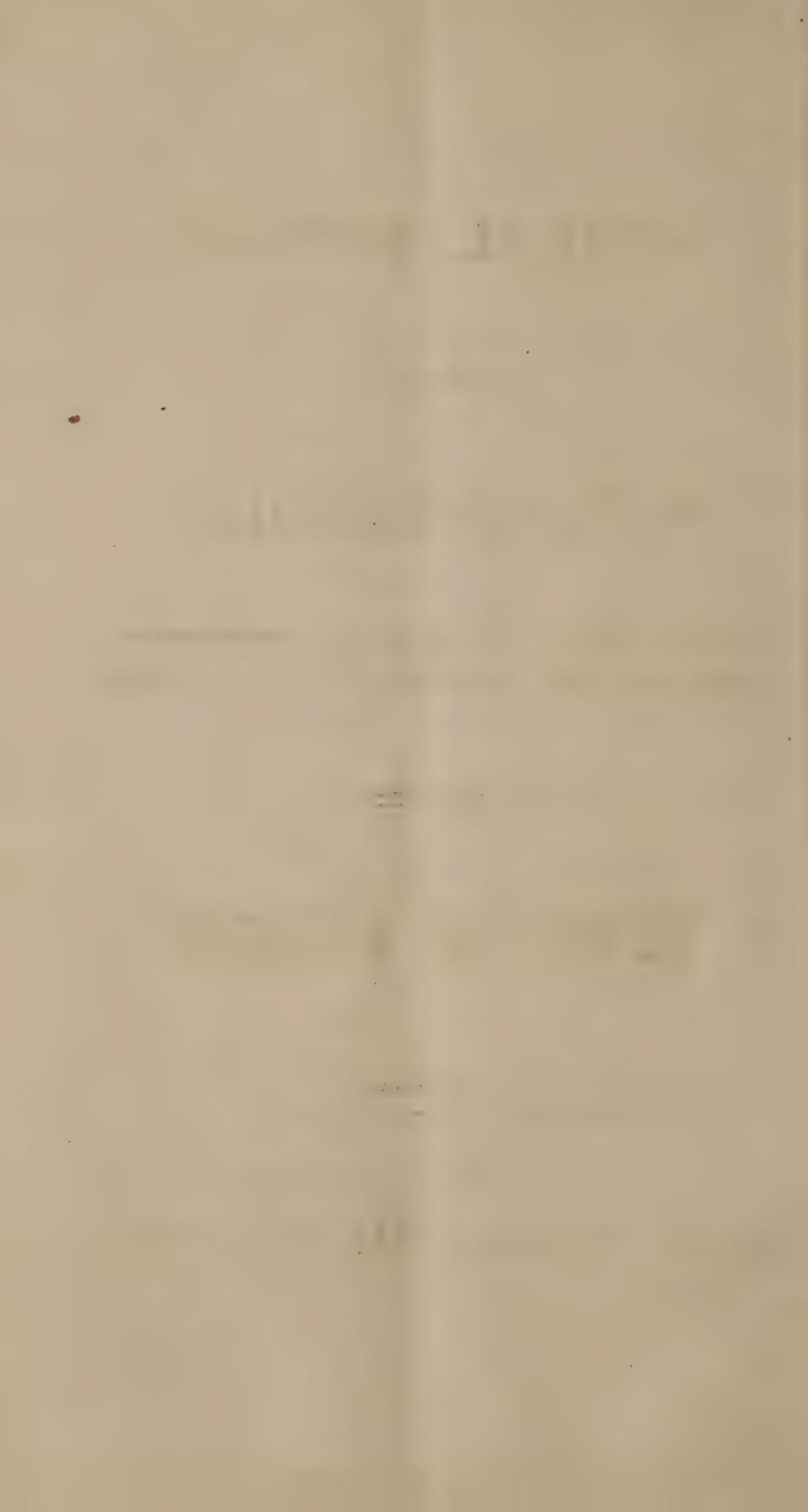
May	30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on Northey road,	1 00
"	31, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on brook road,	1 00
June	1 day on Walker Hill and brook road,	2 00
Aug.	8, 1 day on Titus road hearing,	2 00
Sept.	30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on Titus road,	1 00
Oct.	7, $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 00
"	21, 1 day on town business,	2 00
"	28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day to see Mrs. Northey,	1 00
Nov.	4, 1 day on checklist,	2 00
"	11, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on Clough road,	1 00
"	24, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on Myron Northey road.	1 00
"	29, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on Salmon Hole bridge,	1 00
Dec.	13, 1 day directing job,	2 00
"	16, 1 day on bridge, and town business,	2 00
Feb.	5, two trips to see Lizzie Kay,	1 00
"	21, 3 days on town business,	6 00
Mar.	12, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days on checklist,	3 00
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		\$54 00

F. H. RICHARDSON, TOWN CLERK:

1876.

Mar.	23, drawing Jurors and notifying,	75
	29, recording mortgage, W. & S. Presby to town of Lisbon,	30
Apr.	15, recording enrollment, $6\frac{1}{2}$ pages.	1 10
	20, cop'ng enrollment for returns to Agt. Gen,	1 10
May	2, recording 32 births,	8 00
	recording 22 deaths,	5 50
	copying for returns to Sec. of State,	8 00
	" 22 deaths,	5 50
	" 13 marriages,	3 25
June	29, recording town invoice, 47 pages,	7 99
Oct.	14, drawing Jurors and notifying, "	75
'77.	Feb. 16, recording 60 pages town record,	10 20
	recording 27 marriages,	6 75
	" 21, drawing Jurors and notifying	75
Pd.	for record book, marriages, births, &c.,	4 25
	" personal mortgages,	6 25
Postage,		65

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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

—FOR THE—

TOWN OF LISBON,

—FOR THE—

Year ending, March, 1877.

REPORT OF SUPT'G SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A year ago the town voted to have the report of the School Committee for this year printed, instead of having it read in town meeting, as had been the practice for some years.

We approve of this change. It is well that once a year, all the people of the town should have their attention called to the condition of our schools. The custom, we think, will tend to awaken among us, a new interest in the subject of education; and certainly it is quite desirable that in some way a more general interest in this subject should be awakened. We are all, doubtless, ready to admit that most of our schools are not yet in efficiency, by any means, what they ought to be. And, if this is the case, does not the fault lie, to a great extent, with the parents? Is it not true; that, with rare exceptions, they fail to manifest that interest in the school that its great importance demands?

A little more effort on their part, in visiting the school, and in providing comfortable and attractive school rooms, with maps and other helps to the teacher, would add immensely to the efficiency of our schools.

Time and money expended for so noble an object, are time and money well expended. If we can do no more for our children, let us at least, give them a good common school education. It may require some sacrifice on the part of many of us to do even this; but if we fail to do this for them, they will hardly be able to forgive us, when they shall have reached years of maturity, and realize, in some measure, how greatly we wronged them by our neglect.

There are in the town of Lisbon, eleven school districts. The schools in two of these districts, at Lisbon Village and Sugar Hill, are organized under the "Somersworth Act," and will be reported by those who have had them in charge.

DISTRICT NO. 2. (Salmon District.)

The summer term of ten weeks, was taught by Miss Lizzie J. Childs. Whole number of scholars, 34; *Average attendance, 28; Wages of teacher not reported.

Miss Childs seemed well qualified for her work, and the school prospered in her hands. The recitation in grammar at the close of the term was very fine.

There was a fall term in this district of ten weeks taught by Miss Louise Hibbard. Winter term of twelve weeks taught by the same teacher. Whole No. of scholars in winter 28; average attendance, 25; Wages per month, \$32 00. These were two very profitable terms of school. We regard Miss Hibbard as a superior teacher; kind, firm, thorough and energetic. The latter an important qualification that many teachers do not possess. Even in this school we should have been glad if a little more ear-

* NOTE. - In reporting the average, fractions are omitted.

nestness had been manifested in some of the recitations. Quite a number of young men and young ladies attended the winter school, and we doubt if they would have made any more progress in Grammar and Algebra in any Academy in the State.

At the suggestion of your Committee, some maps were procured for this school by Mr. Little, the Prudential committee. They are Mitchell's outline map of both Hemispheres, and his outline map of the United States. They are of very great advantage in the study of Geography, and, as they cost so little, we wonder that they have not been procured for the other schools. We wish the other districts would imitate Dist. No. 2, not only in this matter, but also in making improvements in and around the school-house. Some of the people of this district we understand, think that they have the "banner" school of Lisbon.

DISTRICT NO. 3. (North Lisbon.)

Spring and Summer term of fourteen weeks, with a brief vacation. Mary E. Corey, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 16; wages per month, \$13 50. The district generally seemed satisfied with the school. Perhaps it was most too lengthy to be profitable. Three terms in the year of some ten or eleven weeks each, we think, would be a good plan for this district. Then if you get a first-class teacher, retain his or her services as long as possible. A frequent change is not well.

The winter term of thirteen weeks was taught by Mr. D. F. Richardson. Whole number of scholars, 29; average attendance, 22; wages, per month, \$33 50. The school in Mr. R's hands, was quite a success. We regard him as one of our best teachers;

but doubtless with a better school room, some outline maps and good black boards, the same teacher would have accomplished much more for the school. We must not expect our workmen to do a great day's work with dull tools. We are glad that the question of repairs is to come up in the school meeting. Success to the friends of progress. We hope that other districts similarly situated will also bestir themselves to a work which so much needs to be done. You are wasting your school money, good people of Lisbon, under the plea of economy; but it is poor economy to hire teachers and compel them to work with poor tools, or none at all.

DISTRICT NO. 4. (Mink Pond District.)

Summer term of seven weeks and winter term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Evans. Whole number of scholars, in winter, 13; average attendance, in winter, 11; wages of teacher per month, in winter, \$20.

We believe Miss Evans to be a faithful, conscientious teacher; and although she labored under some disadvantages, the close of the winter term made it manifest that she had not labored in vain. Some trouble was experienced at the opening of the winter term, on account of the dilapidated condition of school-house, some of the parents, at first, expressing fears that it was unsafe, and hardly daring to send their children. But we believe the most concluded to send. This school-house is certainly in a most shocking condition, and utterly unfit to be used another day. And when we say this, we say what, probably, every individual in the district will admit to be true. It is to be hoped that the friends in this

district will agree at once upon some plan by which a new school building will be erected in time for the summer term. This will be better for all concerned than that any other course should be pursued.

DISTRICT NO. 5. (Cole district.)

Summer term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Elvah M. Little. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14; wages, per month, \$12. We see no reason why Miss Little, with more study and experience may not become successful as a teacher. This was her first school and it was so very short, very little could reasonably be expected. We greatly regret that so many of our summer terms are so very brief. Can not our friends in this district give their children more schooling the present year? If no better way can be devised, why not let the teachers board around.

The winter term of nine weeks, was taught by Mr. R. D. Quimby. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 10; wages, per month, \$24. Good progress, we think, was made. Some of the larger scholars did finely, and the teacher speaks highly of the excellent deportment of the scholars generally. Such scholars ought to have a better school room. It was suggested to some of the friends whom we were glad to see present at the closing exercises of this term, that with even a little expense it might be made to present a very much better appearance. Why not, also, purchase the two maps already spoken of.

DISTRICT NO. 6. (Goodenough District.)

Summer term of ten weeks, taught by Miss E. J. Bemis. A pleasant term. Fall and winter term of

eleven weeks by the same teacher, Whole number of scholars in winter, 17 ; average attendance, 10 ; wages, per month, \$20. Miss Bemis has had much experience as a teacher, and appears to give good satisfaction to the district. The scholars are quite young, but we think considerable progress was made in the studies pursued. We like the plan of beginning this term early, so as to avoid the deep snows of late winter ; but, notwithstanding the school closed before the snow came, we regret that the scholars many of them, were *very irregular* in their attendance. A great loss was thus experienced. We hope the parents not only here, but in other districts will avoid keeping their children from school, except in cases of absolute necessity.

DISTRICT NO. 7. (Centre District.)

Summer term of eight weeks. Teacher, Miss Alice Page. Whole No. of scholars, 14 ; average attendance, 13 ; wages, per month, \$16. One thing that speaks well for this school is the fact that the average attendee was very large—a scholar was rarely absent. This was Miss Page's first school, and the term was short ; but with additional study and experience, she may, we think, become a superior teacher.

The winter term of twelve weeks, was taught by Miss Florine H. Quimby. Whole number of scholars 20 ; average attendance, 16 ; wages of teacher, per month, \$26. An excellent school. The examination in Geography was particularly good, showing diligence on the part of both teacher and pupils. Although Miss Quimby is a resident of this district, and has taught this school two terms before the present, she seems to have given the best of satisfaction.

Perhaps we ought to say, that if, in some way, the teacher could have contrived to induce some of the scholars speak in a louder tone, the school would have presented a much better appearance. We regret that this is not the only school that is faulty in this particular. We want, if possible, to infuse a little more life into some of our pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The summer term of nine weeks, and the winter term of fourteen weeks, were both taught by Miss Nettie M. Knight. Whole number of scholars, winter, 20; average attendance, 16; wages in winter, \$20. Evidently good progress was made during these two terms of school. The examination showed that both teacher and scholars were industrious. If the children composing this school continue thus to advance for a few more terms, this will become one of our best and most advanced schools.

Miss Knight is one of our best teachers. We are glad she is still pursuing a course of study, the better still to fit herself for her work. We hope many of our young teachers, and those who aspire to this position, like her, will find their way to some one of the many excellent educational institutions of our own or a neighboring State. We think highly of the Normal school at Plymouth, and also of the Seminary at Tilton.

DISTRICT NO. 9. (Georgeville.)

Summer term of ten weeks. Teacher, Miss Jen-
nie E. Sanborn. Whole number of scholars, 9;
average attendance, 8; wages of teacher, per month
\$16. This was Miss Sanborn's first school. Con-
sidering its backward state, and the small number of
the scholars, and, perhaps, other discouraging fea-

tures, we think about as much was accomplished, as could have been reasonably expected. It is hard to awaken much enthusiasm in a school like this, so extremely small.

The winter term of five weeks, was taught by the same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 11; wages of teacher, per month, \$16. We regret that there was money for only five weeks of schooling, when there was great need of at least, twelve. What could Miss Sanborn or any other teacher be expected to accomplish in this brief space of time, in a school-house so cold and dilapidated. She did what she could. It appears to your Committee that it would be well if this district could be united with District No. 2. We will not occupy space in this report by giving the reasons for this opinion; but, if such a union is deemed inexpedient, we sincerely hope that some measures may be adopted by which a better school building and more schooling may be secured.

DISTRICT NO. 11. (Walker Hill.)

The summer term of eight weeks, was taught by Miss Ida Bishop. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 10; wages, per month, \$10. This was Miss Bishop's first attempt at school teaching. Like several of our schools, the term was too brief for a very great deal to be accomplished; but we think the teacher endeavored to discharge her duties faithfully, and secured the approval of the people of the district.

The winter school in this district was taught by Mr Harvey E. McIntire. For a week or two, on account of sickness in the neighborhood, only eight scholars made their appearance. Your committee

visited the school twice, finding only this number present. The school was suspended for a week and on making the third visit, we found most of the pupils in their places. There was a good prospect at that time of a prosperous term, but the subsequent sickness of the teacher, by which the school was again suspended for a week, doubtless has interfered somewhat with its success. This school is in session at the time of the writing of this report. Whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, about 15; wages of teacher, per month, \$20.

It is a pleasure to us to be able to report that in no case have we been called upon to settle a difficulty in any school, and we have heard of no serious case of insubordination. As a whole, we think the pupils of these schools have been disposed to be obedient and studious. The teachers, also, have been persons of excellent character, and have seemed anxious to do well. But while we gladly say these things, we feel obliged to say some things that are not so pleasant. In the first place,

OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

with rare exceptions, are in a wretched condition. In several districts, a new school building ought to be constructed at once, while in nearly all the others something should be done in the way of repairs. A little money invested in mortar, room paper, paint and, pardon us, possibly, in some cases, soap and sand, would accomplish much towards making some of the school rooms cheerful and attractive. Why will not the ladies interest themselves in this matter? They can do much in this good cause if they will but try. If the men do not vote to do these need-

ful things, let the ladies of the district *see what they can do.*

ANOTHER HINDRANCE

to the success of our schools, has been found in the great variety of text books in use. We have taken considerable pains to bring about greater uniformity in this particular, at least, so far as each district is concerned. We hope parents will see the absolute necessity of this, and cheerfully provide their children with suitable books. Some of our schools use Wilson's Readers, while others use the Progressive. It would be better to have uniformity throughout the town; but, if this cannot well be at present, let us, at least, not think of using two series of Readers in the same school. A similar remark might be made of other text books.

It is, perhaps, hardly necessary to say, that, if we would have first-class schools, we must be more particular to secure the services of

ABLE AND EXPERIENCED TEACHERS.

It is to be feared that in too many instances in the past, sufficient care has not been exercised in this matter. The question should not be, "who will teach our school for the least money, or, who is the most anxious to secure the situation;" but, rather, "who will give us the best school—who will do the most for the mental and moral welfare of the young committed to their charge." The number of persons desiring to obtain schools is very large. Let those upon whom devolves the duty of employing teachers from this large number, make careful selections. We have had some superior teachers; but need more of this class, and to obtain them, must pay higher wages. How can we expect to secure the services of able teachers, or what encouragement have our young people to fit themselves to become such, when the compensation for teaching is so very small in most cases.

Only three scholars in all these schools, have studied the

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Perhaps it should be observed, however, that, beside

this, a class in Salmon District has used this history in their reading exercise. It would be well if more of our youths would attend to this study. Certainly every young person should make himself familiar with the history of his own country. Teachers also and those intending to teach, should bear in mind that the law requires an examination in this study before a certificate be given by the Committee. You should be familiar at least, with the leading historical events of your own country.

If we were to give

ANOTHER WORD OF COUNSEL

to this class, we should say, remember that while a knowledge derived from books is of course, essential, equally important in your calling, is a knowledge of human nature, and at the same time combined with good common sense. Whenever you make the discovery that you lack these latter qualifications, turn your attention at once to some other work. Good order is absolutely necessary in the school-room; but you should understand that there is a right and a wrong way of attempting to maintain this. Study your scholars. Find the way to their hearts—get their good will if possible. Their *respect* you *must* have or failure is certain. Therefore, remember that before attempting to govern others, you must learn to govern yourself. Never fly into a passion in the school-room. Never use slang phrases and coarse epithets in addressing your pupils. Rarely resort to corporal punishment, and never when angry; if unfortunately you ever become angry in the school room.

THE ATTENTION OF ALL

Teachers and the Prudential Committee of each District is called to the law which is printed on the cover of each School Register, requiring that the teacher deliver the Register to the Superintending Sceool Committee, before receiving pay for their services. Inattention to this law, has put the Superintending Committee to very much trouble, and made this report in some particulars incomplete.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

In the entire town of Lisbon, there were in the spring of 1876, 296 children between the ages of five and fifteen. Of this number 143 were boys, and 153 girls. It appears that of this number, only seven have not attended school during the year. All children between the ages of eight and fifteen are required by law to attend school at least twelve weeks in each year. It is to be hoped that the Prudential Committee of each district will report all cases of violation of this law. Certainly, every American youth should be able to read and write. No persons destitute of these qualifications should be allowed to go to the ballot box. We think that there are not more than two or three persons in the town between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one who cannot read and write.

ABSENCE.

The School Registers reveal the painful fact that our schools have suffered greatly this year by irregularity in attendance. Tardiness too has been far too common. Will not parents and pupils try to make a better record in these particulars in the future?

THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

378 pupils have attended school in this town during the past winter; 168 of this number in Lisbon 34 in Sugar Hill, and 176 in the remaining districts. All the pupils in these nine districts, we think attended to reading and spelling; 81 to writing; 139 to arithmetic; 66 to geography; 15 to composition; 3 to history; 3 to book-keeping; 3 to Algebra.

Mrs. H. B. Savage who has spared no pains in her endeavors to promote the interests of our crowded village schools, has presented to us a carefully prepared statistical report of these schools for the past year. We will insert the report for the winter term:

Winter term.—Three schools.—Eight weeks each.
Two female teachers, average wages per month,

	\$38 12
One male teacher, wages per month,	52 00
Also female assistants, in all,	35 00

Whole number of scholars,	168
Average attendance,	147
Visits by Superintending Com.	26
Visits by Citizens,	117
Attending to Reading,	168
" Spelling,	164
" Penmanship,	139
" Arithmetic,	147
" Algebra,	14
" Geography,	77
" Grammar,	84
" History,	27
" Physiology,	29
" Book-keeping,	5
" Composition,	71
" Drawing,	55
" Singing,	97

All in district between 5 and 15, registered; 1 scholar attended private school and not registered.

The following report of the school at Sugar Hill has been forwarded to us:

Summer term taught by Susie J. Drew; length of term, ten weeks; whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 11; wages per month, including board, \$20. Fall term taught by J. Henry Wells; length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 32; average attendance, 24. Winter term taught by J. Henry Wells; length of term, 12 weeks; whole no. of scholars, 34; average attendance, 27; wages per month, including board, \$30.

Our report has been prepared amid a pressure of other duties, and, though it may contain many imperfections, it is presented with a sincere desire that some of its suggestions may tend to promote the welfare of our public schools.

Let us all prize more highly this institution which has done so much for us as a people. Let us take pains to be present at all meetings where its interest are discussed, and give our influence and our votes in favor of more liberal things in providing for the education of the young.

HENRY B. COPP,
Superintending School Committee.